

REMARKS

As amended, Claims 27 and 28 are pending and stand rejected in the Pending Application. Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being unpatentable Asada, et al (US 6,760,539). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 27 recites a data decoding apparatus *connected to a plurality of recording apparatuses* that include different recording media, the data decoding apparatus comprising a receiver configured to receive a digital broadcast; a decoder configured to decode the digital broadcast into data; an interface configured to couple with the plurality of recording apparatuses; a copy control code extractor configured to extract a copy control code from the data; and a controller configured to analyze the copy control code and enable the data to be recorded *simultaneously* by the *plurality of recording apparatuses* if the copy control code indicates permission to copy only once.

Asada et al is directed towards an *optical-disc* recorder/player 1 which encodes an AV signal contained in a TV signal or a video signal into compressed AV data that is a VOB, records the VOB onto an *optical disc*, and reproduces the VOB on the *optical disc*. (See Asada et al Col. 8, lines 1-5). Asada et al fails to teach or disclose a data decoding apparatus connected to a *plurality of recording apparatuses* that include *different* recording media, as recited in Claim 27, since Asada et al. only teaches an optical disc recorder, which does not include different recording media. Additionally, Asada et al. fails to teach or disclose a *controller* which is configured to analyze a copy control code and enable data to be recorded *simultaneously* by a *plurality of recording apparatuses*, as recited in Claim 27.

For these and other reasons, Asada, et al. does not disclose the subject matter defined by independent Claim 27. Therefore, Claim 27 is allowable and Claim 28 depends from Claim 27 and is allowable for the same reasons and also because it recites additional patentable subject matter.

Conclusions

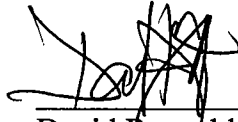
In view of the amendments and remarks set forth in this Amendment and Response to Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the Pending Application, including Claims 27 and 28, is in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, and the Pending Application be allowed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such contact would in any way facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this application.

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